

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 11, 2004 with claims 1 through 21. Claims 1-21 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application.

This amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116 and should be entered.

5 The Amendment places all of the pending claims, i.e., claims 1-21, in a form that is believed allowable, and, in any event, in a better form for appeal. It is believed that examination of the pending claims as amended, which are consistent with the previous record herein, will not place any substantial burden on the Examiner. Applicants note that the Examiner has already considered this precise amended limitation when considering the patentability of corresponding
10 apparatus claim 11.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ngo (United States Patent Number 6,263,247). The Examiner indicated that claims 1-16 are allowed and claims 18-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

15 Independent Claim 17

Independent claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ngo.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of a telephone interview on May 15, 2008 in which the patentability of claim 17 was discussed. The undersigned attorney discussed
20 the patentability of claim 17 as amended herein, and the Examiner has explicitly agreed that claim 17 is patentable as amended herein, for the same reasons that claim 11 is patentable.

Thus, Applicants submit that claim 17, as amended, is patentable for the same reasons that claim 11 is patentable.

Thus, Ngo does not disclose or suggest the step of shunting *using a means for*
25 *shunting* at least a portion of the current that would otherwise pass through said at least one resistor during an overshoot mode, as required by independent claim 17, as amended.

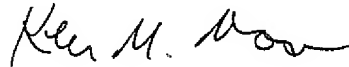
All of the pending claims, i.e., claims 1-21, are in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

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Respectfully submitted,



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